

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 4th September 2016**

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## **Silent Key – Vincent EI5IO**

We have just been notified of the death of Vincent Long EI5IO which occurred March 5th 2016. Vincent was from Shanakiel, Blarney, County Cork. Burial took place to St. Catherine's Cemetery Kilcully.

May he rest in peace

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## **Counties Contest**

With good weather on the day, plenty of stations were out on the hills, operating portable during last Sunday's counties contest. A number of SOTA summits were activated; these were Shannon Basin Radio Club EI2SBC on Corn Hill Co. Longford, Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI0W on Clermont Carn Co. Louth, Darrell GI4KSO on Slemish Co. Antrim, plus two on the Wicklow hills - Albert EI7HHB on Mullaghcleevaun and David EI7GEB on Sorrell Hill. Logs should be sent to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie before the deadline which is 11th September.

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## **Southern Ireland Repeater Group**

The Southern Ireland Repeater Group's 70cm repeater EI7FXR at Farmer's Cross in Cork city was upgraded recently to a Motorola MTR 2000. This replaces the long serving Motorola MC Compact that has been in service on the site for many years. The new unit has a power output of 30 watts to the antenna and is more sensitive on receive than the old one so the coverage should be much improved. Work was carried out by Neil EI3JE.

Signal reports can be emailed to: sirnrepeaters /at/ gmail.com

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

SEARG will be QRV as EI1WSVR from the Waterford and Suir Valley Railway Station, Kilmeaden, County Waterford on Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th

September 2016. This is to coincide with the Railways on the Air Weekend. Proposed frequencies are 3.650, 7.120 and 14.120 MHz. You can follow SEARG on facebook and on twitter. [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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## **South Dublin Radio**

Dah dit dah dit , Dah dah dit dah, Morse classes will be starting this week at South Dublin Radio club. Run by EI7GY Joe Ryan anyone attending is asked to bring a pen and paper. Passing the Morse test allows existing Radio Experimenters to move from a 3 letter call to a 2 letter call. It may also allow operating in countries where Morse is still a requirement. Classes will take place in a separate room allowing the usual tea drinking and chat to continue for everyone else. It starts 8.30pm sharp every Tuesday at the Community Centre at the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All welcome. Booking not required.

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## **DX News**

J28PJ will be active from Djibouti for the next three years and perhaps longer. The operator is Jean-Philippe F1TMY. QSL to his home call.

Uli DL2AH will be active from Pitcairn Island using the callsign VP6AH until 25th November. He will operate holiday style on SSB and Digital. QSL to the home call.

Two Japanese amateurs will sign T88HR and T88TJ from Koror Island in Palau until 7th September. This counts as OC-009 for the Islands on the Air Award. Activity will be on HF and 6m, SSB and RTTY.

Ken KH6QJ will be QRV again from East Kiribati using his T32AZ call until 15th September.

AH0K is the callsign of the Mariana Intrepid Contest Club located on Tinian Island in the Northern Marianas. The call will be on the air from 9th to 11th September with OH6RX and OH7WV as operators. Look out for further activity during the CQWW SSB and CW contests later in the year. QSL manager is OH6GDX.

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## **IOTA 3rd to 6th September 2016**

A team led by Dave EI9FBB will be activating Europe's 2nd Most Wanted IOTA from 3rd to 6th September. The team will be QRV on Lunga Island EU-108 from 80m

through 6m and will have 4 stations, CW & SSB. Signing MS0UKI, the 6 man team also includes EI5GM & EI6FR and will no doubt have special ears for fellow EI's. Please see [www.eu108.wordpress.com](http://www.eu108.wordpress.com) for full information.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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